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THE seventh International Physiological Congress met in Heidelberg last month, with Professor Kossel as president. *Nature* states that about 300 members were present, and 200 communications were made in the four sections into which the congress was divided. At the opening meeting Professor Kronecker paid a tribute to the late Sir Michael Foster. Professor Dastre, of Paris, gave a short biography of the late Sir J. Burdon-Sanderson, while Professor Sherrington spoke of the loss sustained by the congress through the deaths of Professor Errera, of Brussels, and Professor A. Herzen, of Lausanne. By order of Grand Duke Friedrich of Baden each member of the congress was given a bronze medal in memory of the meeting.

THE Vienna correspondent of *The British Medical Journal* states that a magnificent building has just been completed which will serve as part of the new institutes devoted to the researches required by the extension of modern science. At a distance of a few minutes' walk from the general hospital, a four-floor building with three large fronts has been erected. Therein will be situated the hygienic institute, with Professor Schattenfroh's lecture hall, the institute for the history of pathology with a large museum, the serum therapeutic institute (under Professor Paltauf), and the institute for examination of foodstuffs. In the center block are two large lecture halls, each accommodating 250 students. In the courtyards and also on the top floors, and under the roofs of the house, stables for the animals used for experiments have been erected. The arrangements are the result of very extensive studies of similar institutions made during the last five years. The cost amounts to upwards of \$750,000. During this autumn and winter only a few of the buildings will be used, but next spring all the institutes will be ready for use and they will then be formally opened.

*The British Medical Journal* states that the French Congress of Medicine will be held in Paris under the presidency of Professor Debove. The opening meeting will take place

on October 14, and will be continued on the 15th and 16th. Reports will be presented by MM. Linossier and Castaigne on the treatment of simple ulcer of the stomach; by MM. Gilbert Ballet and Delhelm and M. Sainton on the pathogeny and treatment of exophthalmic goitre; and by MM. Carrière and Marcel Labbé on hæmophilia. Among the subjects proposed for discussion are the surgical treatment of simple ulcer of the stomach; is pulmonary tuberculosis of aerial or intestinal origin? acid-resistant bacilli; the therapeutic action of radium; ionic medication; the use of collargol; the therapeutic value of tuberculin; the serumtherapy of dysentery and cutaneous sporotrichoses.

WE learn from the same journal that an Italian Medico-Legal Society has lately been founded. Its headquarters are in Rome. Professor Lombroso is honorary president, the actual president being Professor S. Ottolenghi. The aims of the society are the development of "a true and healthy medico-social conscience," the furtherance of scientific researches on medico-legal subjects, and the enlightenment of public opinion on such questions. The first problem with which the society proposes to grapple is the necessity of establishing intermediate institutions for the reception of offenders who can neither be imprisoned nor admitted into a lunatic asylum.

IN the Scottish National Exhibition to be held in Edinburgh in 1908 there will be, says *Nature*, sections devoted to fine arts, education and history, arts and crafts, mining, engineering and metallurgy, transportation and motive power, shipbuilding and waterways construction, chemistry and scientific appliances, lighting, heating and ventilation, agriculture, horticulture and silviculture, domestic economy, sports and pastimes, botany and zoology, artisans' work, women's section, urban and rural improvements.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE Massachusetts Agricultural College will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of its opening from October 2 to 5. The speakers in-

clude Dr. A. C. True, director of the Division of Experiment Stations, Department of Agriculture; Dr. Carroll D. Wright, president of Clark College; and Dr. F. W. Rane, state forester of Massachusetts.

THE permanent advisory committee of the treasury on the allocation of the money provided by parliament in aid of university colleges in Great Britain recommends grants as follows:

|   | Grant,<br>1906-7 | Proposed<br>Grant |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Victoria University of Manchester .....       | £12,000          | £10,000           |
| University of Liverpool .....                 | 10,000           | 10,000            |
| University College, London ...                | 10,000           | 10,000            |
| University of Birmingham ....                 | 9,000            | 9,000             |
| University of Leeds .....                     | 8,000            | 8,000             |
| King's College, London .....                  | 7,800            | 7,800             |
| Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne .....    | 6,000            | 6,000             |
| University College, Nottingham                | 5,800            | 5,000             |
| University of Sheffield .....                 | 4,600            | 5,000             |
| Bedford College for Women, London .....       | 4,000            | 4,000             |
| University College, Bristol ....              | 4,000            | 4,000             |
| University College, Reading ..                | 3,400            | 3,400             |
| Hartley University College, Southampton ..... | 3,400            | 2,250             |
| London School of Economics ..                 |                  | 500               |

The grants proposed above amount in all to \$84,950, leaving, if a grant of \$1,000 to University College, Dundee, is continued, a balance of \$14,050 available for grants for special purposes.

THE Philip Walker studentship of pathology at Oxford will be filled in October. The studentship was founded "for the furtherance of original research in pathology." It is of the annual value of \$200 (payable quarterly in advance), and is tenable for three years. The student may be of either sex, and need not necessarily be a member of the University of Oxford.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM L. BRAY, of the University of Texas, has been appointed to the chair of botany at Syracuse University, vacant by the resignation of Professor J. E. Kirkwood.

DR. OLIVER C. LESTER, A.B. (Central College, Mo., 1897), Ph.D. (Yale, 1904), instruc-

tor in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, has been appointed professor of physics in the University of Colorado, to fill the position vacant by the resignation of Professor Duane, who, as already announced, goes to the Curie Radium Laboratory of the University of Paris.

FRANK EUGENE THOMPSON, instructor in education at Stanford University, with leave of absence to carry on research work at Columbia University, has been appointed professor of education in the University of Colorado.

PROFESSOR GEORGE W. BISSELL, M.E. (Cornell, '88), professor of mechanical engineering in the Ohio State College since 1892 and vice-dean of engineering since 1904, has been appointed dean of engineering in the Michigan Agricultural College.

HOWARD C. FORD, instructor in civil engineering in the University of Colorado, has been appointed assistant professor of irrigation engineering at the Iowa State University.

MR. THOMAS D. EASON, graduate of the Clemson Agricultural College, has accepted an appointment as assistant in botany in the North Carolina Agricultural College.

DR. FRANK W. REED, of the University of Virginia, has been appointed instructor of astronomy in the University of Illinois.

DR. W. A. WILKINS has retired from the chair of pathology in McGill University.

DR. FRIEDRICH BERWERTH has been promoted to a professorship of petrography at the University of Vienna.

At the University of Lille, M. Clairin has been appointed professor of mathematics; M. Mallaquin, professor of zoology, and M. Hallez, professor of comparative anatomy; at the University of Nancy, M. Minguin has been appointed professor of chemistry and M. Nicklès professor of geology; at the University of Lyon, M. Vavasseur has been appointed professor of the differential and integral calculus; at the University of Toulouse, M. Paraf has been appointed professor of mathematics; at the University of Poitiers, M. Turpain has been appointed professor of physics.